

for Beale AFB, by both working to improve the on-base facilities and promoting the many values and strengths of Beale AFB throughout California and the country.

Bill Simmons has been a valuable local resource on education, military, and local issues affecting the entire Yuba-Sutter region, and I hope that he will remain active in his community beyond his retirement from the Yuba County Office of Education. I wish my friend the best as he embarks on this latest chapter of his distinguished career.●

2007 STANLEY CUP CHAMPIONS

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the 2006–2007 National Hockey League champions, the Anaheim Ducks. The Anaheim Ducks demonstrated remarkable skill, teamwork, and determination in becoming the first California hockey team to win the prestigious Stanley Cup.

The 2006 to 2007 season will be remembered as a truly landmark season for the Anaheim Ducks. During the course of the season, the Ducks played in the franchise's 1000th regular season game and recorded their 1000th point after a much-deserved 4 to 2 victory on March 11, 2007. The Ducks began their season in fine form as they set an NHL record by remaining undefeated in regulation play for the first 16 games of the season. The Ducks used a high-octane offense and a stout defense to achieve the first 100-point season and the first Pacific Division title in the franchise's history. Throughout the season, the Ducks were a model of hard work, dedication and consistency.

Under the leadership of a dedicated management and coaching staff and with contributions from an outstanding roster of seasoned veterans and promising young players, the Ducks defeated the Minnesota Wild, the Vancouver Canucks, and the Detroit Red Wings in their usual spirited fashion en route to winning the Western Conference title. In the finals, the Ducks triumphed over the Ottawa Senators in a fiercely contested series that ensured the oldest and most famous trophy in all of North American professional sports, the Stanley Cup, will finally make its way to California for the first time.

It is my pleasure to congratulate all the hard working members of the Ducks organization who worked tirelessly to bring so much joy and pride to the people of Orange County and to the State of California. Their successes are considerable, and I salute their accomplishments. As the Anaheim Ducks and their fans celebrate their first Stanley Cup victory, I congratulate them on a truly remarkable and memorable season and wish them more success in future seasons.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF LAMOURE

● Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, it was 125 years ago that pioneers created the city of LaMoure, ND.

LaMoure and its surrounding territory got off to an unexpectedly strong start due to the work of a fellow named MAJ H.T. Elliott. He was employed by a real estate firm whose financial fortunes depended upon the prosperity and success of homesteaders and town builders in the LaMoure area.

To ensure that region boomed, Major Elliott was sent to the nearest railroad station to meet incoming emigrants. If they appeared to be bright, industrious, honest folks with adequate financial resources, Elliott directed them to the region around LaMoure. But if they were of a suspect type, Elliott sent them off in the opposite direction.

Elliott himself was the county's first citizen but had the misfortune to establish the town of Grand Rapids which immediately found itself in a fight with LaMoure over which should be the county seat. When Grand Rapids lost that election, LaMoure's citizens armed themselves and trooped across country in the dead of night to seize the governmental records.

They were met at Grand Rapids by barricaded doors and rifles bristling from the courthouse windows. But with the aid of a battering ram, they smashed their way in and the Grand Rapids defenders slipped away. LaMoure had its first triumph.

There have been many more since then—some headline making like State championship sports teams, installation of a Coast Guard radar site serving mariners and pilots all around the globe, a national award as an All-America City, home to U.S. Senator Milton Young.

But many more of its successes never garnered headlines. They were the quiet but meaningful stories of strong families, vibrant businesses, prosperous farms, good kids, and the warmth of citizens who cared about each other.

LaMoure is both a wellspring and a repository of what is best about America—old-fashioned values of honesty, decency, hard work, faith, and family. Its foundation is solid, and its people will continue to create a community where dreams are turned into reality.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF RUTLAND

● Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, it was 125 years ago that pioneers in Dakota Territory created the community that is now Rutland, ND. Those pioneers included hopeful immigrants from Norway, Sweden, Germany, Ireland, Poland, England, and Scotland, seeking new homesteads on the unbroken prairie; hard-driving businessmen and railroad workers from the Eastern States finding opportunity on America's frontier; and the Wahpeton-Sisseton band of the Dakota people, adapting to changing times and preserving ancient

traditions as their world changed around them.

These pioneers built a solid foundation of family, faith, and education for their community, establishing farm homes, churches, and schools first. When the Great Northern Railway built its line through the territory, the community was given its name in honor of Rutland, VT, the hometown of many of the pioneer railroaders. The green hills of the Coteau de Prairie south of the town, reminded them of their home in the Green Mountains.

In those early years, the pioneers of the Rutland community endured drought, harsh winters, and economic exploitation, but their faith, independent spirit, and cooperative attitude carried them through the tough times and made the good times better. It has been said that Rutland could be renamed Phoenix because, like that mythical bird, the city's business district has twice risen from the ashes of devastating fires to rebuild better and stronger each time. One of the business buildings destroyed by the second fire, back in 1941, was a unique combination of economic enterprises, perhaps a forerunner of today's megamalls. The second floor was a hotel, providing rest and refuge for weary travelers, while three businesses occupied the ground floor: In the front was a harness and shoe repair shop, keeping Rutland folks either afoot or on horseback, and they always knew which; at the center of the building was a cream station, where farm produce including chickens, eggs, cream, and butter was bought and sold; and at the rear of the building was a funeral parlor, which had a double life as an illicit gambling casino, when a paying customer was not laid out in somber repose. That building and those businesses went up in smoke many years ago, but this week, another new business, the Rutland General Store, has opened its doors on Rutland's Main Street, showing that the spirit of optimism that inspired our pioneer ancestors is still alive and thriving in the community they built. The optimism and patriotism of Rutland citizens is reflected in the fact that men and women from the community have served in the Nation's military service in every conflict from the Civil War to the current engagements in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Over the past 125 years, Rutland has been noted for many accomplishments: The home of one of North Dakota's outstanding amateur baseball teams, the Rutland Roosters; the Rutland Rockets and Sargent Central Cadets High School sports teams always tough and usually victorious; location of the Tewaukon National Wildlife Refuge, conserving and preserving our Nation's natural heritage; an award as a National Bicentennial Community in 1976; an award as a North Dakota Centennial Community in 1989; home to Obed Wyum, a national leader in the establishment of rural electric and rural telephone cooperatives; and making it